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FORMER AIRPORT SCREENER PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raytown, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to receiving and possessing child pornography.

Jeffrey Allen Devono, 29, of Raytown, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to both counts of an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 10, 2004. **Devono** was formerly employed by Firstline Transportation Services as an airport screener at Kansas City International Airport.

By pleading guilty, **Devono** admitted that he received child pornography via the Internet between March 1, 2003, and Oct. 1, 2003.

Devono also admitted that he was in possession of one or more computer files which contained child pornography.

Under federal statutes, **Devono** could be subject to a sentence of up to 25 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$500,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katharine Fincham. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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